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East Side

By P. D.

Summer Roundup Plans Underway

Boys and girls who will be six years old on or before January 1st, of the school year 1957-58 must have birth certificate, dental certificate, necessary immunizations, record of physical examination, and any physical defect corrected. Summer round up program for beginning school students has just been completed with 406 beginners attending. Beginners attending rural white schools were 180 and 326 attending city white school round-ups.

The summer round-up program is jointly sponsored by the PTA and School Administration of each school. Medical and dental, speech and hearing services are rendered by the Hattiesburg Clinical Society, Hattiesburg Dental Society and Speech & Hearing Clinic, Mississippi Southern College. The program is coordinated by the staff of the Forrest County Health Department.

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A Scholarly Bible Study—

From King James To Dixiecrat

(On April 18, 1957 we printed the piece below. It is reprinted today because of requests for additional copies. Actually, we didn't then, and don't now, think it's worth a darn, but if people want to pay ten cents for it we'll not argue. The Editor.)

Dear Bible Belt Brethern:

Since our earliest recollection it has been our burning desire to make some small contribution to the society in which we live. At long last we have begun, and in a more valuable way . . . well, there isn't one.

From our scholarly studies we have learned of the Scotch-Irish influence on the King James translation of the Holy Bible. Thus, many of the words appearing therein are those of man, not of God.

Our aim is to set right this wrong. That, we feel, is our sacred duty.

Exodus, the second Book of the Bible, clearly states that Moses, during the big chase, crossed the RED sea! That, you must agree, is not good. We have decided, therefore, to exclude the entire number ofBooks which compose that part of the Holy Word known as the Old Testament. That fellow Moses may well have been a subversive of some sort, and it is not good that the young minds of our land be exposed to any person having crossed the RED sea. Had it been some other sea, that might have been all right, but not THAT sea.

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PEOPLE ARE NO DAMN GOOD

The Good Man

Man, at his best, remains a sort of one-lunged animal, never completely rounded and perfect, as a cockroach, say, is perfect. If he shows one valuable quality, it is almost unheard of for him to show any other. Give him a head, and he lacks a heart. Give him a heart of a gallon capacity, and his head holds scarcely a pint. The artist, 9 times out of 10, is a dead-beat and given to the debauching of virgins, so-called. The patriot is a bigot, and, more often than not, a bounder and a poltroon. The man of physical bravery is often on a level, intellectually, with a Baptist clergyman. The intellectual giant has bad kidneys and cannot thread a needle. In all my years of search in this world, from the Golden Gate in the West to the Vistula in the East, and from the Orkney Islands in the North to the Spanish Main in the South, I have never met a thoroughly moral man who was honorable. (H. L. Mencken, The Smart Set, 1923.)

As for me, I find no evidence to support the belief that human nature has changed much since 1923.

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Beginning school children who missed the PTA Summer Round-up Program should go to their private physician and dentist for medical and dental records. A copy of the child's birth certificate is required and may be secured from Vital Statistics Division, Mississippi State Board of Health, Jackson, Miss.

Last PTA Meet Held

East Forrest PTA held its last meeting for this school year in the school cafeteria in Petal with room count being won by Mrs. M. L. Dodds for Lower Elementary, Mrs./ J. D. McElhaney for Higher Elementary, Miss Lois Davis for Junior High and Mrs. Louis McKissack for Senior High.

Mrs. Spencer Wilson installed the following officers: Mrs. Sam Waggener, vice president; Mrs. Earl Cross, secretary; Mrs. Frank Cargo, Jr., treasurer, and Mrs. Warren Ratcliff, reporter.

The Rev. Justus Garrett led in prayer. A pot luck supper was served by the Room Mothers.

Mrs. Warren Ratcliff, chairman of the Room Mothers for the past year, wishes to thank the Hospitality Committee, Mrs. Harper and her lunch room assistants and all room mothers who have cooperated in serving refreshments this year.

The first elevators in New York City in 1857 had rich carpets, large mirrors and luxurious sofas on three sides.

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

Into Dixiecrat, clearly, that should read:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was spake by "Our Gem", and having spake, there bloomed forth the Cotton and Magnolia over Dixieland. (Let there be no question as to who did the speaking.)

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me . . . Luke 18:16

But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little WHITE children to come unto me . . . Dixiecrat Luke 18:16

And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. Luke 22:17

And he took the DIXIE CUPS, and gave thanks that they were SEPARATE BUT EQUAL, and said, Take this MINT JULEP and divide it among yourselves. Dixiecrat Luke 22:17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son . . . John 3:16

For God so loved Mississippi that He gave it "Our Gem" . . . Dixiecrat John 3:16

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, and eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Phillip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot . . . And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water: what doth hinder me to be baptized? . . .And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water . . . Acts 8:27-28-29-36-38

And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of color, who worked for Candace queen of the Ethiopians, was driving her chariot down the road. And the Spirit said unto Phillip, Go near, sit in the **Back seat** of this chariot . . . And they

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New York City has a new Museum of Primitive Art which exhibits accomplishments of native civilizations in the Americas, Africa, Oceania and early phases of Asia and Europe.

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NEW MEC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Mr. Aultman Mr. Babington Mr. Darden Mr. Lewis

Mr. Smith Mr. Stevens Mr. Swayze Mr. Walker

The eight men above have been named to head general work committees of the Mississippi Economic Council during its 9th year, which began May 1st. Their appointments were made by MEC President J. D. Wise of Hazlehurst. The leaders and the committees they head are: Bruce C. Aultman, Hattiesburg attorney, state and local government; Steve E. Babington, Brookhaven banker, hometown development; Leslie Darden, New Albany attorney, labor relations; Morris Lewis, Jr., Indianola wholesale-retail groceryman, education; Fred B. Smith, Ripley attorney, national affairs; Ben M. Stevens, Jr., Richton lumberman-merchant, highways and roads; Orrin H. Swayze, Jackson banker, legislative action; and W. E. Walker, Jr., Columbia merchant, commercial organization services. Some 300 MEC members will serve on the eight committees.

Southern Bell Plans

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The center will be one of the South's largest and is scheduled to begin alter this year. The Hattiesburg already are dialing ddirectly to parties in distant cities, without the aid of other operators. It works in reverse also, when the new equipment is in operation, operators in distant cities dialing parties in Mississppi and Louisiana will dal them directly without the aid of operators in the called states.

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Information On Social Security

By Luther N. Davis

All farmers who have a net income of $400 or more must file tax returns to report their self-employment income. The requirement to file a self-employment return is based on the farmer's net earnings or profit. Filing a return does not necessarily require a person to pay income tax, although he might be required to pay social security tax. A tax return can not be filed until the end of a taxable year. For most farmers the taxable year ends on December 31st.

Farmers are required to pay social security tax if net profit from farming is $400 or more. This provision of the law is compulsory. The law provides a special method of figuring net earnings from farming operations for social security purposes only. Farmers who gross not more than $1800 in any taxable year ending December 31, 1956, or later may report two thirds of their gross even though net profit is less than $400. Farmers who report on a calendar year basis may exercise this option in reporting their income for 1956.

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After the building is completed, it will take at least one year to install the intricate equipment and the maze of accompanying wires. The equipment will include an "electronic brain" which will route long distance calls from Hattiesburg to cities throughout the United States.

Long distance operators in Hattiesburg already are dialing ddirectly to parties in distant cities, without the aid of other operators. It works in reverse also, when the new equipment is in operation, operators in distant cities dialing parties in Mississppi and Louisiana will dal them directly without the aid of operators in the called states.

Over 1,500,000 telephone customers in the United States already are dialing their own long distance calls. But there are many things to be done before such a system will become nationwide.

One of the necessary steps is the change to the nationwide "2 letter - 5 number" telephone numberring plan, which already has been adopted in many Mississippi cities. Hattiesburg was one of the first cities in the South to have this plan.

While it will be sometime before we can dial our own calls, the planned long distance center will be a big step towards that day, Bunn said.

And even then, there will be a demand for operaors to handle person to person calls, information, and to give special assistnace.

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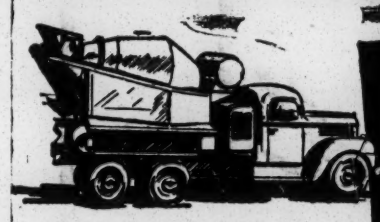

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Graduation Exercises Set For East Forest Schools

Schedule of closing exercises of Petal schools has been announced by the principal, John A. Johnson, and are as listed below:

Senior examinations, May 13 and 14.

Band concert, Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m. (outdoor concert). Band concert will be under the direction of Reed Carter, bandmaster.

Commencement sermon will be held in the high school auditorium at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, May 19. The Rev. J. P. Payne, pastor of the Petal Methodist Church will preach the Commencement Sermon.

Graduation exercises will be held on Monday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m., in the high school auditorium.

Certificates will be awarded to the sixth grade on Wednesday, May 22, 9:00 a.m. in the elementary school auditorium.

Detailed announcements of the entire program will be made at a later date.

Leo Durocher, major league baseball manager, is of French extraction and started his baseball career in the Catholic Junior League in West Springfield, Mass.

Population in Alaska has tripled from 72,524 in 1940 to more than 208,000 today.

To Dixiecrat . . .

went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the colored man said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? . . . And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they Segregated the swimming pool with a chain across it and they both went down into the water . . . separate but equal.

The above, clearly, was one of the most difficult passages to translate. Here, according to the King James translation, was integrated riding and swimming, so naturally the original translation had to be corrected, but good!

The scholarly work required on the translation is tiring. As we progress, reports will be made to you. So, until our next report, we remain in Blazing Glory,

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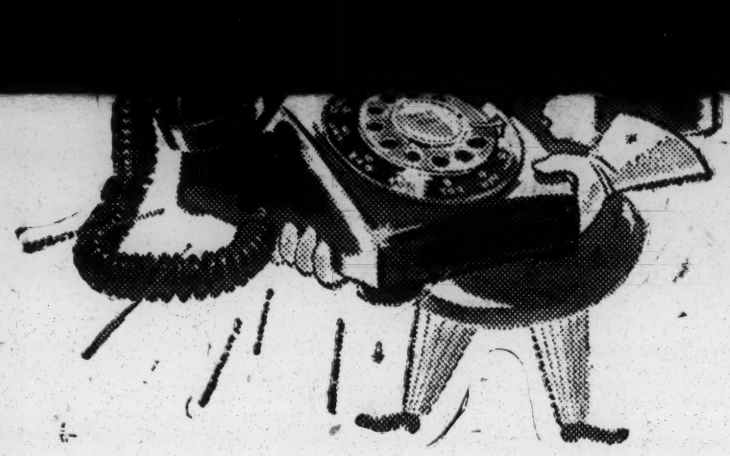

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Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Bill Barlow, Supt. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. by Rev. Justin Garrett, pastor. Baptist Training Union meets at 6:15 p.m. Mid-week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday. GA's meet after school on Mondays, and RA's meet before prayer meeting on Wednesdays. Song services are under the direction of O. U. Barlow, Mrs. Jack Fikes, pianist.

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PETAL METHODIST CHURCH, MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., W. C. Mathis, Superintendent.

Rev. J. P. Payne, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WSCS meets at 2:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Choir practice follows prayer meeting.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. B. L. Coulter; Mrs. D. H. Halliwell, Sr., Organist.

The public is cordially invited to attend. The nursery is open at all services.

GREEN'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, OLD RICHTON ROAD, PETAL

Services begin at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday School, Robert Powell, Supt.

Q. C. Barrett, Pastor, preaches at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting is 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays . . . following prayer meeting all organizations meet . . . YWA's, GA's, RA's, WMU, Brotherhood, and Sunbeams.

Song services are under the direction of W. C. Rainey, Jr.; pianist is Miss Polly Morgan.

The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend services. Nursery is open at all services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CENTRAL AVENUE, PETAL

Services begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Henry Hardy, Supt.

Rev. W. A. Richardson, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Baptist Training Union meets at 6:30 p.m. Sundays.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Ford Parker; Mrs. J. M. Van Devender, pianist.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Nursery is open at all services.

PETAL-HARVEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

Services will begin with Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Pat Rogers, Supt.

Rev. Sam W. Waggener, Pastor, preaches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Training Union meets at 6:45 p.m., C. E. Richardson, Director.

Mid-Week Prayer meeting is held at 7:30 pm. Wednesdays at Richton Road and Harvey Mission prayer meeting is held 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Song services are under the direction of Mr. Charles Caulkin; Mrs. W. H. Clearman, Organist, and Mrs. Mazie Nell Smith, pianist.

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PETAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MAIN STREET, PETAL

Services begin at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School, H. L. Norsworthy, Supt.

Evangelist Howard S. Williams preaches at 11.00 a.m.

Bible Class meets Sunday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Choir practice is held Wednesday nights at 7:30.

Song services are under the direction of Mrs. D. L. Priest; pianist is Miss Bernice Norsworthy.

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Colmer Is To Deliver Graduating Address At Jones Junior College

Commencement Set For May 16th At 10

Congressman William M. Colmer will deliver the graduating address to the graduates of Jones County Agricultural High School and Junior College May 16, 1957.

The graduation exercises will be held in the new gymnasium-auditorium at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited and plenty of seats will be available.

Congressman Colmer received the American Good Government Society Award on George Washington's birthday this year. He and Senator Karl E. Mundt were honored "by having made outstanding contributions to constitutional government and to preserving the American way of life."

Congressman Colmer is referred to as "Lawyer, Statesman, Educator, soldier, and conservationist has served Mississippi and the nation for thirty-five years . . . and for twenty-four years has been a representative in the Congress of the United States."

Congressman Colmer taught school at D'Lo and Lumberton, Mississippi. He studied law at night during his term of teaching. He married Miss Ruth Miner of Lumberton and has three sons, Billy a doctor, Jimmy, attorney at law at Pascagoula, and Tom, associated with an advertising firm in Chicago.

Congressman Colmer enlisted as a private in World War One at Camp Shelby and was discharged as a Regimental Sergeant Major. He practiced law at Pascagoula; was County Attorney for Jackson County, and District Attorney for the Second District which includes George, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. He has served on such important committees as Riveers and Harbors, Immigration and Naturalization, Census, Rules, and also as chairman of a special House Committee on Post-War Economic Policy and Planning. He was, also, on the Foreign Affairs Committee and is now serving on the National Forest Reservation Commission.

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Draft Tests For Students Set For May 16

A special Selective Service College Qualification Test will be held on Thursday, May 16, 1957, for those students who for reasons beyond their control were unable to take the regularly scheduled tests on November 15, 1956 and April 18, 1957, Colonel John W. Patton, State Director of Selective Service for Mississippi, announced today.

Colonel Patton stated that applications for the May 16, 1957 test must be postmarked not later than midnight May 6, 1957.

The special tests will be administered by Science Research Associates, Inc., of Chicago, which has established approximately 1,000 testing centers at colleges and universities throughout the United States and in Alaska, the Canal Zone, Hawaii and Puerto Rico.

In order to be eligible to apply for the special test to be given May 16, 1957 a student need NOT have applied for one of the previous tests.

Colonel Patton stated that applicants for the special test may get application cards from any local board and the local board clerks will give assistance in filling out these application cards.

BOYS REWARDED

Leighton, Ala.—The three boys who found a missing mail pouch filled with $44,000 in $1 bills have received rewards from the Post Office Department. Ingram Mitchell, 15, and Eddie Chamblee, 13, received $250 each. The boys found the pouch stuffed under a barbed-wire fence along a railroad right-of-way. The pouch had disappeared from a railway shipment 85 days before.

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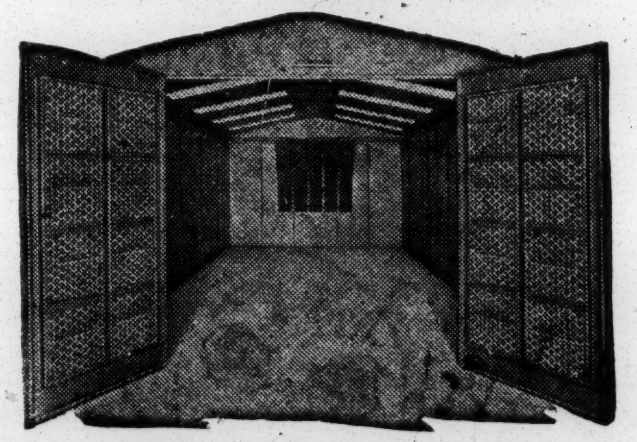

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J. B. Young, President of Jones County Junior College, invites all friends of Congressman Colmer and Jones County Junior College to be present on this occasion. One hundred and 15 high school students are scheduled to receive their high school diplomas, and 113 college students are to receive their Associate in Arts degree.

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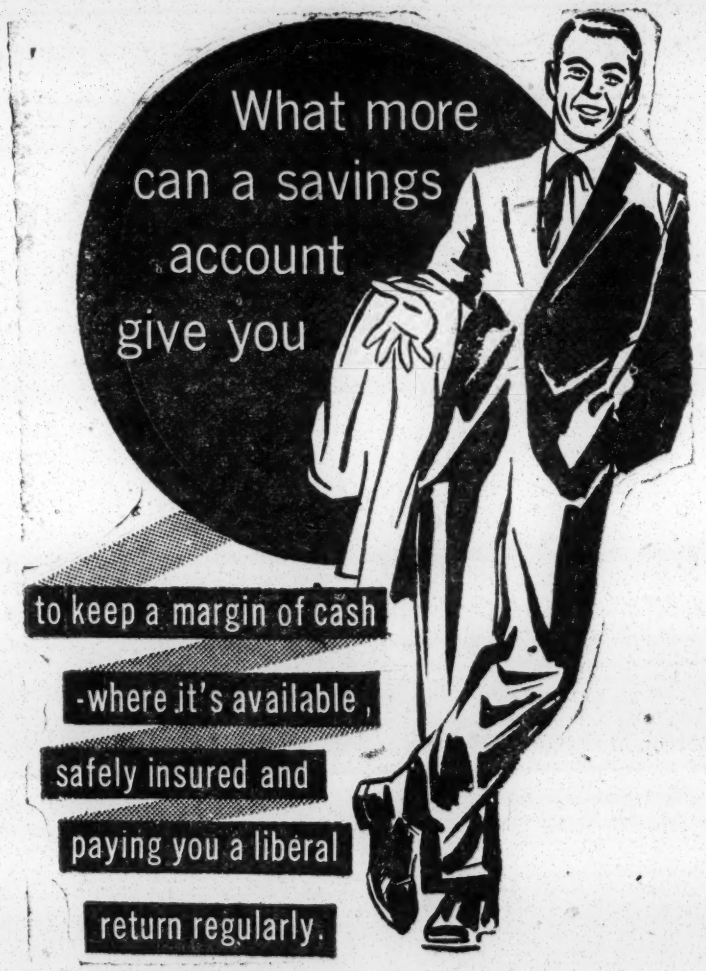
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